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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. J. Lee Rankin

SUBJECT: Information in CIA's Possession Regarding Lee Harvey OSWALD Prior to November 22, 1963 as Transmitted to Warren Commission

1. This refers to your letter of February 12, 1964 addressed to the Director of Central Intelligence which has been passed to me for reply.

2. Paragraph three of your letter requested the Agency to supply the Commission with a report on information in the Agency's possession regarding Lee Harvey OSWALD prior to November 22, 1963. The request was predicated upon the footnote on page two of CIA's report to the Commission dated 31 January 1964, entitled: "Information Developed by CIA on the Activity of Lee Harvey OSWALD in Mexico City, 28 September - 3 October 1963".

3. There is attached an exact reproduction of the Agency's official dossier on Lee Harvey OSWALD beginning with the opening sheet dated 9 December 1960. The entire dossier carries the security classification of Secret and consists of thirty documents arranged in chronological order. On the basis of clearances from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of State, the Department of Navy, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service, who were queried by us after the receipt of your letter, we are able to make available exact copies of all materials in the file up to early October 1963. These include:

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a. Seven documents received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

b. Ten documents received from the Department of State.

c. Two documents received from the Department of Navy.

d. One document (a name check request) from the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

e. Four newspaper clippings.

f. Five internal CIA notes.

g. CIA report dated 31 January 1964 to the Commission which covers all substantive developments affecting CIA in the matter of Lee Harvey OSWALD from 9 October to 22 November 1963. The report indicated the disseminations of information developed by CIA that were made to other Federal agencies during that period. This item, as was pointed out at the time, is particularly sensitive and bears appropriate sensitivity indicators.

4. You will note that almost all of the documents carry markings required for CIA's internal records processing. A few of the papers contained the names of our employees or identifications of specific organizational components. We have taken the liberty of blocking out these items as they do not bear on the substance of the Commission's request.

Richard Helms
Deputy Director for Plans

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Inventory of Documents Contained in OSWALD Dossier Forwarded to the Commission

1. State Telegram No. 1304, October 31, 1959 (Confidential)
2. Newspaper Article from the Washington Post, November 1, 1959
3. Internal Note dated 2 November 1959 (oral FBI name check request) and NR reply dated 4 November 1959 (Confidential)
4. Foreign Service Despatch 234, November 2, 1959 (Confidential)
5. State Telegram 1358, November 9, 1959 (Confidential)
6. State Telegram 1448, November 9, 1959 (Confidential)
7. Newspaper Clipping from Washington Post, November 16, 1959
8. Newspaper Clipping from Evening Star, November 26, 1959
9. FBI REPORT, 25 May 1960 (Confidential)
10. Internal CIA Biographic Profile dated circa late May 1960 (Confidential)
11. Letter from the Department of State (Cumming) to DDP dated October 25, 1960 - Secret)
(Included interim response)
12. DDP Response to State, dated 21 November 1960 Secret)
13. Internal CIA Request for Opening of 201 file, 9 December 1960 (Secret)
14. State Memorandum of Conversation dated January 26, 1961 (OUO)
15. State Instruction A-273, April 13, 1961 (OUO)
16. Foreign Service Despatch 806, May 26, 1961 (OUO)
17. Foreign Service Despatch 29, July 11, 1961 (OUO)
18. FBI REPORT, July 13, 1961 (Confidential)

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19. Internal CIA Memo for the Record, 28 September 1961 (Secret)

20. Foreign Service Despatch 317, October 12, 1961 (OUO)

21. I&NS Name Check Request, December 5, 1961

22. Navy Message 20197/RB/3, 3 March 1962 (Confidential)

23. DNA 1624, 26 April 1962

24. Newspaper Clipping from Washington Post, June 9, 1962.

25. FBI REPORT, September 7, 1962 (Confidential)

26. FBI REPORT, 10 September 1963

27. FBI REPORT, 24 September 1963

28. FBI REPORT (number unclear), November 7, 1963

29. FBI REPORT, November 8, 1963

30. CIA Summary Report on Activities of OSWALD in Mexico City, dated 31 January 1964

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